

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph extending from page 10, line 30 to page 11, line 3, as follows:

The optical separation layer 25 is then applied to the first lacquer layer 24. The optical separation layer 25 [[24]] can in this case involve a transparent material which is markedly different in its refractive index from the refractive Index of the lacquer layer 24 so that the diffractive structure 27 provides a transparent security feature. It is also possible for a metal layer to be applied to the first lacquer layer 24 partially or over the full surface area, as the optical separation layer 25.